



LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

A fireworks display is held at Ashbridges Bay Park as part of the Victoria Day celebrations Monday evening. For more pictures of the long-weekend festivities, see [metroNEWS](#). TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Scientology owes Toronto \$100,000

CITY

Organization still planning 'Ideal Org' at Yonge location

As the Church of Scientology touts a plan to convert its prominent Yonge Street location into a flagship facility, the city says the organization owes more than \$100,000 in property taxes and penalties.

Critics of the controversial organization say similar renovation projects have languished in other cities.

The Church of Scientology of Toronto, which owns 696 Yonge St., owes more than \$61,000 in property taxes and penalties for 2014, out of a total of just under \$112,000. The organization made only partial payments of its 2014 property taxes, according to Supervisor of Collections Stephen Franceschini.

It also owes more than \$57,000 in taxes and penalties on the interim 2015 property tax bill, according to Franceschini.

Property owners receive an interim tax bill near the beginning of each year, and typically a final bill in May. Payments on the 2015 interim bill were due March 2, April 1 and May 1, according to the city's website.

"We have contacted the local church in Toronto and they intend to get this paid forthwith," Scientology spokeswoman Linda Wieland said in an email.

The news comes as the organization says it still plans to convert the Yonge Street building into one of Scientology's "Ideal Orgs," which it first announced in early 2013. Scientology describes these facilities as "cathedrals" in desirable locations, "intended to meet increasing demand worldwide for Scientology services and initiatives."

Scientology claims to have opened 41 Ideal Orgs in re-

Critics describe the Ideal Orgs initiative as a vanity project of Scientology leader David Miscavige, intended to attract converts and divert attention from the organization's waning membership.

"He's now playing the 'Field of Dreams' game, where you build it and they will come," said Mark Rathbun, who spent 27 years in the church and served as the organization's inspector general.

Wieland said the Toronto project is being funded through member donations. According to Wieland, "most, but not all (Ideal Orgs) are funded locally."



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Scientology spokeswoman Linda Wieland

cent years.

The organization boarded up the Yonge Street building and submitted an application to the city for interior demolition work in 2013. At the time, Scientology spokesperson Erin Banks said the building's interior would be remodelled.

Renderings compiled by the Church of Scientology International show red and black banners and a large cross displayed on the building's Yonge St. facade.

Christabelle Crichlow took two Scientology courses before leaving the organization last year. She donated \$500 to the Toronto Ideal Org.

Church members were asked repeatedly to donate to the project, said Crichlow, who believes that while Scientology members enthusiastically support it, some people may simply be tapped out.

"There's only so much people can give," Crichlow said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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T.O. men encouraged to Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

WHITE RIBBON

Event hopes to change attitudes one step at a time



Deborah Hernandez
Metro | Toronto

Hundreds of men and boys will strut down the streets of Toronto in high heels Thursday to raise money and awareness of violence against women.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes is an annual walk for the White Ribbon Campaign, a worldwide organization working to end violence against women and girls.

Todd Minerson, the executive director of White Ribbon, said the event is a much-needed example of men challenging sexism, especially in light of an incident in which a group of men at a Toronto FC game heckled CityNews reporter Shauna Hunt with sexually explicit comments.

"We often hear from men that they don't know what they can do and how they can make a difference," Minerson said. "This walk is a public demonstration of what men can do."

Minerson said the incident shows why encouraging men and boys to think about masculinity and gender inequality



Men in heels take part in the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event in Toronto in 2013. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

is important.

"Boys and young men don't often get a chance to think of gender in a critical way," he said.

Rick Stender, a father of two girls and the son of a single mother, is participating in the walk with a group of

male friends. He says violence against women is not just a women's issue but one that affects everyone.

"The reality is we see things we want to change in the world," Stender said. "But it won't change unless you show you're part of the solution."



We want men and boys to look at what makes a contemporary man and understand how toxic masculinity impacts their own lives, not just the lives of women and girls.

Todd Minerson

FHRITP

Engineers disavow soccer heckler



Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

The group that licenses engineers in Ontario wants you to know the man fired by Hydro One for his role in the FHRITP scandal was not, in fact, an engineer.

The Professional Engineers of Ontario (PEO) is considering enforcement action over the job title of now-infamous former Hydro One employee Shawn Simoes.

Simoes was among the men confronted by City TV reporter Shauna Hunt outside a soccer game on Mother's Day. He defended the practice of shouting "f-k her right in the p---y" at working reporters.

"Contrary to recent media reports, the man reported to have been fired from Hydro One for shouting obscenities at a television reporter is not a professional engineer," PEO said in a news release. "Shawn Simoes, the employee reportedly fired, is not licensed by Professional Engineers Ontario and, therefore, cannot legally be called an engineer."

On the most recent Ontario Sunshine List, Simoes is identified as a "Assistant Network Management Engineer/Officer."

"The job title does concern PEO, and we are currently assessing the degree of title misuse," spokesman David Smith wrote in an email to Metro.

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Fireworks blaze leaves six homeless

Toronto Fire asked people to attend a public fireworks displays instead of setting off their own, after a two-alarm fire caused by children playing with fireworks caused \$250,000 in damage and left six people homeless over the Victoria Day long weekend.

Firefighters were called to a house on Monclova Road, near Jane Street and Wilson Avenue, at 9:39 p.m. Saturday. Some children had been playing with fireworks in the backyard and

+ THAT'S THE LAW

Private displays

Without a permit, Torontonians are allowed to discharge fireworks on Canada Day and Victoria Day, but only outdoors on private property and at least 100 metres away from

any place where explosive or flammable substances are stored. Anyone using fireworks is also required to have a fire extinguisher, a 10-litre pressurized water unit or working garden hose at hand.

accidentally set a tree on fire, Capt. Mike Strapko said.

The fire then spread to the back of the house, ultimately

causing \$250,000 in damage and forcing six residents out.

Investigators are currently looking into whether the home was an illegal rooming house. Strapko said that fireworks, including sparklers, present a variety of safety hazards and should never be handled by children.

He said that Toronto Fire had encouraged people to go to the public displays held in Toronto and surrounding cities.

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Sasha Menu Courey in a family photo. CONTRIBUTED

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BORDERLINE WALK

Boston man to join parents of woman who saved his life



Jessica Smith Cross
Metro|Toronto

A Toronto couple has an ally in the man who has their daughter's heart.

Mike Menu and Lynn Courey lost their daughter, Sasha Menu Courey, to suicide four years ago. Since then, they've been on a mission to raise awareness and end stigma about the mental illness she had, Borderline Personality Disorder, through the Sashbear Foundation and the annual Borderline Walk at Sunnyside Park.

When Sasha was dying in a hospital in Boston, they made the decision to donate her heart. The man who received it is coming to Toronto to walk with them this year.

"It's hard not to be emotional, just talking about it, but we find it incredible," said Courey. "He's coming to Toronto to give us support."

Pat Healy lives in Boston. He has a genetic heart condition and was gravely ill when he received Sasha's heart, said Courey.

The transplant was successful and, afterwards, Menu and Courey wrote a letter to be delivered to the recipient, who

was still unknown to them, by the New England Organ Bank. It included Sasha's first name and the fact that she'd been a swimmer.

In Boston, Healy received the letter and wanted to learn all he could about who had given him her heart and saved his life, he said.

He Googled "Sasha," "swimmer" and the day she died, finding 27 pages of search results. Sasha's life and death, and her parent's activism, has garnered significant media coverage in Canada and the U.S.

Healy contacted them on Facebook.

"As you might imagine, I read everything about Sasha that I could," he wrote. "There is no word to describe your generosity in deciding to save the life of a stranger during what undoubtedly was the most difficult moment of your life."

"I cannot begin to explain how much your and Sasha's donation means to me. I think about her every day. Every morning. I think about how lucky and blessed I am. Quite simply, I am here because of Sasha."

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LRT hiccup boon for subway advocates

SHEPPARD AVENUE EAST

Opponents hope delays will drive city underground

Could the latest in the years of delays on the Sheppard Avenue East LRT trigger the re-set button on transit plans for northeast Scarborough?

Subway advocates hope so. They were rubbing their hands in delight when the province announced it won't even begin building a Sheppard LRT until at least 2021, after the Finch Avenue West light rail project is supposed to be complete. They hope the delay will give them time to persuade the city to skip LRT and instead extend the Sheppard Avenue East subway from the existing Don Mills station to the Scarborough Town Centre.

The city's transit gurus say the ridership numbers won't support lengthening the four-stop Sheppard subway. Justifying "finishing" the existing line is difficult, they add, when it draws so few riders and is estimated to require an operating subsidy of at least \$10 per ride.

"Nobody wants to hear it, but there is no corridor left in Toronto with ridership numbers that justify a subway," said one transit official, who wouldn't be

named for fear of fanning political flames.

Prospective subway lines continue to dominate debate, with a Danforth line extension to Scarborough, a Yonge line extension to Richmond Hill and a relief line still on the books. But the rest of Toronto's 24 transit priorities are all LRT routes or bus rapid transit (BRT), says chief planner Jennifer Keesmaat.

That doesn't discourage the Sheppard Subway Action Coali-

tion, a group of residents and ratepayers who say a subway would draw more development and keep the road clear for cars. Add to that a rabid distrust of light rail and, "We would take a bus lane over an LRT," said one coalition member, a city worker who didn't want his name used.

"I looked at the brand new LRTs for these lines and the brand new streetcars that are downtown and they look identical," he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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About 13 per cent of north Scarborough commuters work in downtown Toronto, and 78 per cent of those are already taking transit. By comparison, only 70 per cent of Manhattan commuters rely on transit, says transportation planner David Crowley.

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Victoria Day in the city

Toronto celebrates long weekend

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Joining the circus at Harbourfront

Vera, 6, gets a lesson on the aerial hoop with the help of instructors from The Circus Academy as part of the Toronto Circus Festival, which took place at the Harbourfront Centre Saturday through Monday.



Rollercoaster of a day

Toronto's Centre Island was a popular choice for families this Victoria Day, as thousands of people made their way over to the enjoy picnics, bike rides and some of the numerous activities on offer at Centreville Amusement Park.

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Film shines a light on cancer

DOCUMENTARY

Filmmaker puts focus on hope, moving forward



Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Toronto filmmaker Jessica Edwards didn't want breast cancer to instill fear in people.

So her new documentary, *High Risk*, focuses more on how women affected by the disease can find hope, move forward and live their lives happily.

"So many films around the topic of breast cancer focus on the dreadful aspects, the struggles," said Edwards. "We wanted to create a film that is empowering, a film with a compassionate eye, with a wonderful hope to it."

The documentary will be a focal point of Rethink Breast Cancer's High Risk Forum, a one-day conference that takes place in Toronto on Tuesday.

Members of the public will interact with breast cancer and genetics experts on high-risk issues, and learn how to reduce risk factors.

Featuring stories of seven women, all of them at high risk of breast cancer for different reasons, the documentary chronicles how they found out the information and the decisions they made to fight through and move ahead, said Edwards.

Her own family has known breast cancer struggles: She never met her grandmother, who died at 51 of breast cancer, and her mother underwent double mastectomy surgery. The

story compelled the family to get tested so they can be aware of their options, Edwards said.

"It touches me personally to make a film that gives important information to other women."

Research has shown that about five to 10 per cent of cases of breast cancer are actually due to genetics, said Sonia Nanda, a genetic counselor at Women's College Hospital. She'll be among panelists discussing high-risk issues at the forum.

The amount of women getting referrals and going for genetics testing has increased, especially since Angelina Jolie made her announcement that she had the BRCA1 mutation, she said.

"It's important that people who are concerned get information on how to monitor their lives closely."



We wanted to create a film that is empowering ... with a wonderful hope to it.

Jessica Edwards



Filmmaker Jessica Edwards' documentary *High risk* will be shown at Rethink Breast Cancer's High Risk Forum in Toronto Tuesday. CONTRIBUTED

IN BRIEF

Police look for multiple suspects after stabbing

Toronto police are looking for around 10 suspects after a man was stabbed in the Flemingdon Park area Sunday evening.

The man, in his 20s, suffered apparent stab wounds in his middle-body area and was rushed to hospital in life-threatening condition.

Police said Monday that the victim remains in hospital in serious but now non-life-threatening condition and is expected to survive.

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Man killed in wrong-way crash on highway

Ontario Provincial Police have identified the victim in a fatal wrong-way crash Saturday morning on Highway 403 in Burlington.

Police say Ryan Powless, 29, of Hamilton, was pronounced dead at the scene after the car he was driving was struck head-on by a pickup truck driving the wrong way on the highway at about 3:30 a.m. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Food truck permits trickling out

LICENSING

Relaxed bylaws not leading to increase in issuances yet



Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Toronto's new food truck bylaws haven't increased the appetite for city permits so far this season.

The City of Toronto began issuing food truck permits on Thursday and sold six — the same number as the first day last year — along with three more permits on Friday.

"We decided to try it for one more year," said Ahmed Duale, owner of the Kal & Mooy Somali Gourmet truck. He participated in the city's food truck program last year, and was happy to see the laws loosened a little — but he said the changes didn't go far enough.

Allowing food trucks to park five hours, not three, on city streets will make a difference, he said. And letting food trucks park in spaces more than 30 metres — down from 50 metres — away from restaurants likely will open up a few new parking possibilities, he said.

While Duale is confident there are more new legal food truck parking spots available because of the bylaw change, he doesn't

know where they are.

"Literally, you have to go there and tape-measure it. I wish the city could provide us a list of the spots. They claim there's over 600 new spots where you can park," he said.

However, Duale said he's happy with the change, thankful to the city and Mayor John Tory for making it, and hopeful that the bylaws will loosen even more next year.

Zane Caplansky, president of the Toronto Food Truck Alliance and owner of Caplansky's Delicatessen, said he expects the permits to be more popular this year. Last summer there were 17 permitted food trucks, but Caplansky expects two or three times that many this year.



Mayor John Tory and owner Zane Caplansky, right, prepare orders for the lunch crowd at Nathan Phillips Square in Caplansky's food truck. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HISTORY

Vendors have long been fighting uphill

Chris Bateman
For Metro | Toronto

The City of Toronto's relationship with its outdoor vendors is a long and ugly one. For decades, council has seemed practically hellbent on destroying local street food.

A century ago, Toronto's outdoor fare was extremely limited: ice cream in summer and roast chestnuts plucked from piping hot ovens in winter. Men hawked their wares from handmade wooden carts, mostly free from the prying eyes of city bureaucrats. Sadly, the peace wouldn't last.

Offerings later expanded to include popcorn, cashews, pistachios and other easy-to-prepare foods. By 1980, street vendors were hawking everything from french fries to flowers and jewelry.

On Queens Quay, Yonge Street and in Yorkville, carts became so numerous the city felt compelled to start issuing



Ice cream vendors at Nathan Phillips Square on July 1, 1971.

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licences and punishing those who failed to follow the rules.

By 1984, there were about 500 licensed street vendors, and many more operating outside the law. Fines were small and offenders were often simply encouraged to move along. Owners of brick-and-mortar restaurants and stores claimed the vendors were strangling their businesses.

The city's response was to

establish authorized vending zones. Merchants of any kind could pay \$100 to rent 2.3 square metres of sidewalk in a variety of locations, including Yorkville and Nathan Phillips Square.

Food vendors, however, were soon hamstrung by restrictions that limited their fare to hotdogs and french fries.

And then there was the

disastrous "Toronto a la Cart" program. In an effort to offer punters more exciting street food, a select number of vendors were allowed to sell samosas, souvlaki, roti and other dishes starting in 2007.

All they had to do was follow a long list of rules and buy a malfunctioning \$30,000 cart that was so heavy it could barely be moved.

Within two years, one of the original eight involved in the pilot was bankrupt and the rest were mired in serious financial trouble.

Finally, in 2014, Toronto eased up and allowed food truck owners to pay \$5,195 for the privilege of selling whatever food they wanted, provided they remained 50 metres from an open restaurant and didn't gather more than two to a block — limits that essentially blacked out downtown.

The rules have now been relaxed, but it remains to be seen whether city hall is really ready to let us eat (cup) cake.

Timeline of T.O. street food

1924

Ice cream vendors gather en masse in city parks on hot summer days. Cones cost a nickel.

1980

Toronto requires all street vendors to buy an \$840 annual operating licence. "You can't legislate spontaneity," warns city planning commissioner Stephen McLaughlin.

1986

The city decides to limit street vendors to downtown "hot spots." Licences cost \$100 each and entitle the owner to 2.3 square metres of space.

1990

To prevent "chaos on the sidewalks," Toronto cracks down on illegal hotdog stands.

2007

The infamous "a la Cart" debacle begins. Vendors offering ethnic food are mired in red tape and many are driven to the brink of bankruptcy by sky-high fees.

2014

Toronto relaxes its restrictions on food trucks, allowing vehicles to use any pay-and-display spot so long as it's more than 50 metres from an open restaurant. Previously, bylaws restricted trucks to off-street lots and limited serving time to 10 minutes.

2015

Food trucks are now allowed to set up 30 metres from a restaurant and stay put for up to five hours at a time.

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Ask Her how we can improve the world

PHILANTHROPY

'Expert' African female charity workers to give talks in Canada



Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

For philanthropy to be effective in Africa, voices of leading

women on the ground need to be heard in the decision-making circles, a local charity group has said.

The Stephen Lewis Foundation is flying in five distinguished women who are at the forefront of grassroots initiatives transforming the lives of many in 15 sub-Saharan African countries.

At the launch of the Ask Her Talks series, these women will challenge Canadians in understanding how philanthropy

“We are talking legions of women involved in these life-and-death realities.”

Ilana Landsberg-Lewis

can improve the human condition. “We are talking legions of women involved in these life-

and-death realities,” said Ilana Landsberg-Lewis, executive director of the foundation.

“They are all inspiring and thoughtful, understand these challenges better and know what it'll take to overcome them.”

The speaker series will take place later this month in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

They are designed to shift the conversation about power and aid, and will address how little is known about women leading the charge in saving and improv-

ing human conditions.

Speakers will talk about turning the tide against HIV/AIDS, stories of responding to the Ebola epidemic by local communities in West Africa and the innovative responses to domestic violence in Zimbabwe among other things, said Landsberg-Lewis.

It is unfortunate that many of these women are often excluded from the mainstream conversations about policies, power and change, she said.

Being on the ground, they are the real experts on what works and what kind of support is most effective, she said.

“They are not hopeless, waiting to be saved,” she said. “They have the know-how, skills and power, and just don't have the resources.”

The Stephen Lewis Foundation has worked in sub-Saharan Africa since 2003, partnering with community-based organizations to fight the AIDS pandemic.



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WEST END

Man killed in Dupont rooming house fire

Toronto Fire and police were called to 1569 Dupont St., between Franklin Avenue and Perth Avenue around 12:20 a.m. Sunday and found the second floor engulfed in flames. It took 12 fire trucks and 45 firefighters 11 minutes to knock down the fire, Toronto Fire Capt. Mike Strapko told Torstar News Service Sunday.

It was only after the fire was put out that crews were able to access the third-floor bedroom that owner and fellow resident Manuel Faria said a man named Paul Ventura rented.

That's where, officials said, crews found a man without vital signs. He was taken outside, where firefighters performed CPR. The man could not be revived and was pronounced dead on the scene.

Police have not officially released the identity of the victim but neighbours, coworkers and friends say it was Ventura who was killed.

The Ontario Fire Marshal has taken over the investigation. Strapko said Sunday an autopsy would be scheduled in the coming days to determine the exact cause of death. Toronto police are also investigating the possibility that the property was an illegal rooming house.

Nuno Domingos, who owns Gaivota Café Bar just down the street, remembered Ventura as

a creature of habit. A "big boy" but generally quiet, Domingos said, Ventura would always sit at the end of the bar and order the same thing: an espresso.

Reno Silva, a local musician who regularly performs in Toronto's Portuguese community, got to know Ventura after he started coming to Silva's shows in 2011. Silva called his friend a strong, lively man who was always begging him to play songs by his favourite artist: Frank Sinatra.

"I never saw anyone mad with him. He was always smiling," Silva said.



I've never seen that guy upset. I've never seen him mad.

Reno Silva

Ventura's death made no sense, said Silva, who was shocked to learn he had been at home at the time of the fire.

Eduardo Vieira, director of Correio da

Manha Canada, a local Portuguese newspaper where Ventura worked in marketing for a couple of months last year, said Ventura had no family in Canada.

The Portuguese community is scrambling to find his parents back home, Vieira said. A Facebook post driving the online search to reach Ventura's family had already been shared more than 1,000 times by Monday evening. Vieira said he planned to call the media in Portugal on Tuesday to get the word out about Ventura's death.

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Paul Ventura FACEBOOK



John Sewell believes a lack of benches in local parks is making them less accessible to adults. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Toronto parks not for everyone: Sewell

URBAN PLANNING

Former mayor says city needs more than just playgrounds



Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Are Toronto's parks too kid-friendly?

That's the question being asked by former mayor John Sewell, who penned an op-ed on PostCity.com last week bemoaning the lack of park facilities geared towards adults in

Toronto.

"I'm not trying to argue that parks should not respond to the needs of children, just that this shouldn't be their main function," he wrote.

In particular, Sewell complained about the lack of benches in local parks.

"The Toronto consensus is that a park should be a place of green grass and kids' playthings, not a place where adults can relax and while away an hour on a comfortable bench," he said.

According to Sewell, other jurisdictions, particularly Paris, have more parks "designed for adults."

Local architect Sybil Wa disagreed.



Toronto's parks seem to be skewed against adults.

Former Toronto mayor
John Sewell

"I've been to many of the parks he mentions with my kids and I saw them as successful parks that everyone was happy with," she said.

In fact, Wa believes the city needs more playgrounds, particularly in the downtown core. The number of families with children living downtown is on the rise, she said, and the city needs to

catch up to their needs.

"Polarizing people into groups isn't an effective way to solve the challenges we have," she said. "If you start to break people into groups then you've got the dog people, the kid people, older people and the people who just want to eat lunch."

A regular attendee at public park consultations, Wa said many residents appreciate seeing children in parks.

"Parks are about congregation and community," she said. "People don't come to a park to be alone, and often they say they enjoy watching a different generation use the park or bringing a different generation to the park."

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What the scariest wild things are

Last year, Toronto commissioned Ipsos Reid to research views about wildlife in the city. The results, released last week, show people are generally happy with the status of wildlife management, except for the mess created when raccoons get into the garbage. Oh, and a surprising number of us fear squirrels.

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The number of residents who say there is an overpopulation of raccoons in Toronto.

The number of respondents who said squirrels make them concerned for their personal safety. This is called sciurophobia.

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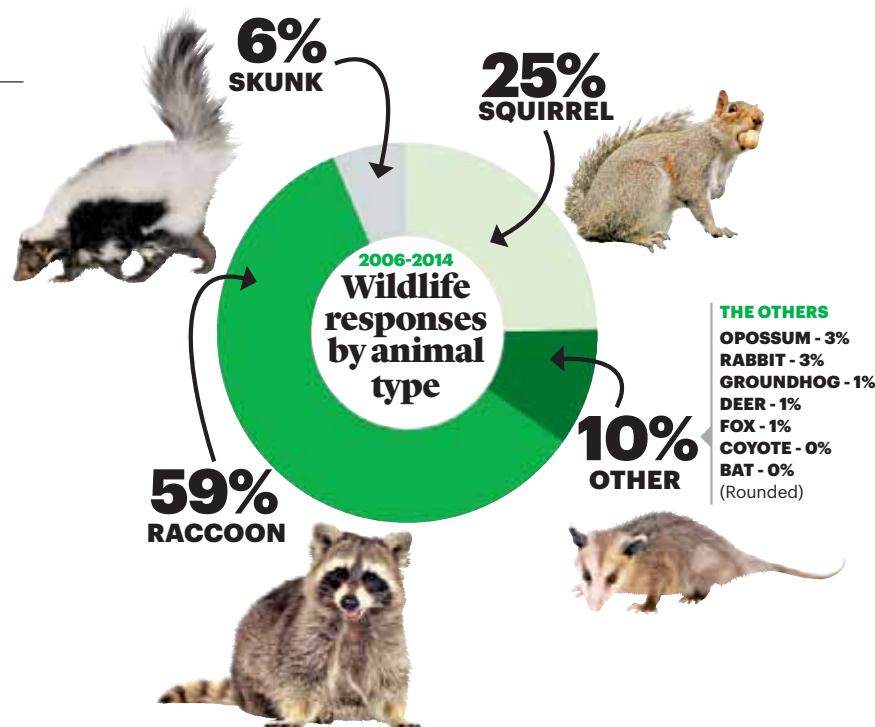
The number of people who live in a household where someone feeds the city's wildlife. Those households, unsurprisingly, report more contact with wildlife than the average home. We bet their neighbours do, too, but that wasn't studied.

A quarter of Torontonians have dealt with wildlife problems on their own, without calling the city or a pest control company. No word on what they did to the critters.

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ABOUT HALF SAY THE CITY SHOULD CULL URBAN WILDLIFE.

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The number of residents, including Rob Ford, who are afraid of raccoons. Ford is also scared of possums, which go unconscious when they're threatened, hence the phrase, "playing possum."

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Human-rights suit filed over medical marijuana

COURTS

Student denied permission to smoke prescribed pot

Michael Wileniec used to walk across the street from his Saskatoon high school several times a day and hang out with the rest of the smokers, although he was the only one puffing on prescribed medical marijuana.

His routine ended earlier this year when school officials told him he could not smoke prescribed weed on school grounds, nor could he attend classes while under its influence. Wileniec fought the ruling before the school board and lost.

"We got a reply back from the superintendent saying there's no need for medical marijuana in the school and that a student under medical marijuana is a safety hazard," the 21-year-old said.

Wileniec has filed a human



Michael Wileniec has a prescription for medical marijuana due to a rare bone disease. LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

rights complaint and lawyers believe he's the first student in Canada to do so.

The case is not likely to be settled by the time Wileniec graduates from Nutana Collegiate at the end of June. But he says it's an important fight that he'll continue for others.

Wileniec was seven when he

was diagnosed with hereditary multiple exostoses, a disease in which benign tumours grow on his bones and into his joints, often pinching nerves. He's in constant pain.

Medical treatments have delayed his progress. That's why he enrolled three years ago at Nutana, a community school

that focuses on academic upgrading and career training. It was around that time that his doctor gave him a prescription for medical marijuana. Wileniec says pot works better for him than painkillers, dulling the agony while allowing him to focus on classwork.

The school was OK with it at first, Wileniec says, provided he smoked off grounds. But when he took an 18-month hiatus to have his left leg lengthened, a painful process involving screws, he returned to find new officials and new rules.

His lawyer, Heather Funk, says it's obvious her client is being discriminated against, since other students are allowed to take medications at school. Wileniec's family had suggested he use a vaporizer in the nurse's office, making the marijuana virtually odourless. The school said no.

A spokeswoman with Saskatoon Public Schools says the division addresses medical needs on a "case-by-case basis."

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SAUDI ARABIA

Canada urged to speak against cluster bombs

Canada has an obligation to publicly warn Saudi Arabia, its military partner in an ongoing bombing campaign in Syria, to refrain from using banned cluster bombs, say advocates who campaigned against the weapon.

The issue has come to light because of a report earlier this month by the U.S.-based group Human Rights Watch that said a Saudi-led coalition may have used the banned weapons while bombing Shiite rebels in Yemen.

Canada and Saudi Arabia, along with the United States, are among the half-dozen countries in another coalition that is currently engaged in bombing missions against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in Syria.

Regardless of Canada's activities in Syria, it has an international legal obligation to speak out because it ratified the United Nations treaty to ban cluster bombs, said Steve Goose, the head of the arms division of Human Rights Watch.

"They could have done a demarche or something," said Goose, referring to the use of a standard, behind-the-scenes dip-

+ DETAILS

Government says it will 'discourage' use

An emailed statement from the Foreign Affairs department on Monday said Canada would pursue opportunities "to discourage the use of cluster munitions by states not party to the convention."

The statement did not answer a question about whether Canada had raised the Human Rights Watch report with Saudi officials.

"We will continue to engage with Saudi Arabia on a range of issues including regional security and human rights," it said.

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lomatic notice. But that would not have been enough, he added.

"Publicly speaking out is the best way to do this because that's how you stigmatize the weapon. That's how you generate outrage against it, and that's the best way to discourage any use."

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Modern-day hobos on road and online

VAGABOND FORUM

Community shares tips on hitchhiking, hopping trains

Eric St. Pierre may not have been an obvious candidate for the hobo life. Growing up in Windsor, he spent every waking minute outside of high school online, playing World of Warcraft or scrolling through message boards.

He's always had wanderlust — at 15, he became obsessed with the idea of walking across Canada and begged friends to come with him. The plans fell apart; his friends grew up and went to university or got jobs.

St. Pierre felt stuck. At 21, he was spending his days answering phones in a FedEx office and crashing at home every night, drained of energy and inspiration.

"I went into a pit of depression. I couldn't sleep very well, getting up two or three times a night," he recalled. "I could hardly look people in the eye."

Then he came across an Internet forum thread about vagabonds. Intrigued, he clicked through and found Squat the Planet, an online community filled with tips on how to safely train hop, hitch rides or sleep outdoors. His old dream of travelling across Canada came roaring back.

“

I saw an entire underground world of people.

Jon Smith

One day, he asked his dad to drop him off at a truck stop. As St. Pierre got out of the car, all his father said was, "I don't know why you need to do this,

but be safe."

His life as a hobo had begun.

St. Pierre is one of many young Canadians who are dropping out of the 9-to-5 life and hitting the road to work odd jobs, dumpster-dive and sleep under the stars. But while vagabonds of generations past stayed connected through a secret code scratched on walls, today's hobos are turning to iPhones, Tumblr and Facebook.

"Never, ever, ever in our history have we been anti-technology," said Huck, who asked that his real name not be used because his lifestyle is illegal.

"When freight trains were invented, hobos were the first ones to jump on 'em, and when automobiles were invented, we were sticking out our thumbs for rides."

Huck is the founder of /r/vagabond, a Reddit community for hobos to share photos and advice about living on the road. The forum has grown from 500 to 10,000 members in the past



A YouTube user who goes by the name Wize Hop is known for his videos showing the vagabond community how to hop trains. THE CANADIAN PRESS

year, Huck says.

Many outsiders are surprised to learn that homeless travelers use the Internet and smart phones. But Huck pointed out that it's pretty cheap to buy a used cell and a small package of prepaid minutes. Even those who don't have phones can pop into a public library, he said.

Jon Smith, a 16-year-old from Saint John, stumbled across /r/vagabond last fall. Amazed, he

spent the harsh winter scouring the website and planning for his first big hitchhiking trip this summer.

"Here I saw an entire underground world of people I always thought of as bums, working together in a secret infrastructure in a seemingly solid and orderly fashion all over the world," he said in an email.

The demographics of online hobo communities are not easy

to determine, as most people use pseudonyms and don't reveal much about their backgrounds.

Squat the Planet founder Matt Derrick said most members appear to be middle-class people choosing the lifestyle, as opposed to street homeless with mental health or addiction issues.

He added it's not clear whether the community is growing or if the Internet is just making it more visible. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Police on alert after shootout

WACO, TEXAS

Biker gangs threaten authorities in wake of arrests

Police were on alert Monday for any retaliatory attacks after a chaotic shootout between rival biker gangs left nine people dead and at least 18 more wounded outside a Texas restaurant.

Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said authorities had received threats against law enforcement "throughout the night" from biker groups and stood ready to confront any more violence resulting from Sunday's gunfire.

"We have a contingency plan to deal with those individuals if they try to cause trouble here," Swanton said at a news conference.

About 170 people were arrested on charges of engaging in organized crime. Earlier, Swanton said 192 people had been arrested but later revised that number downward.

The shootout erupted short-

ly after noon at a busy shopping centre where members of at least five rival gangs had gathered for a meeting, Swanton said.

Preliminary findings indicate a dispute broke out in a bathroom and escalated to include knives and guns. The fight eventually spilled into the restaurant parking lot.

"I was amazed that we didn't have innocent civilians killed or injured," Swanton said.

The interior of the restaurant was littered with bullet casings, knives, bodies and pools of blood, he said.

Authorities were processing the evidence at the scene, south of Dallas. About 150 or 200 bikers were inside during the shootout.

Parts of downtown Waco were locked down, and officials stopped and questioned motorcycle riders.

Agents from the FBI and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were assisting local and state authorities.

Police and the operators of Twin Peaks were aware of the meeting in advance and at least



Authorities investigate a shooting in the parking lot of a Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, Texas on Sunday. The shootout killed nine and left at least 18 more wounded. JERRY LARSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

12 Waco officers in addition to state troopers were outside the restaurant when the fight began, Swanton said.

Officers shot armed bikers,

he said.

It was not immediately clear whether any of the nine dead were killed by police. The identities of the dead have yet to be

made public.

McLennan County Sheriff Parnell McNamara, whose office is involved in the investigation, said all nine who were killed

+ CHARGES

About 170 gang members were charged with engaging in organized crime and are each being held on a \$1 million bond. Authorities say charges of capital murder are expected in the wake of the Waco shooting.

were members of the Bandidos or Cossacks gangs.

In a 2014 gang threat assessment, the Texas Department of Public Safety classified the Bandidos as a "Tier 2" threat, the second highest. Other groups in that tier included the Bloods, Crips and Aryan Brotherhood of Texas.

The Texas assessment does not mention the Cossacks.

There's at least one previously documented instance of violence between the two groups. In November 2013, a 46-year-old from Abilene who police say was the leader of a West Texas Bandidos chapter was charged in the stabbings of two members of the Cossacks club.

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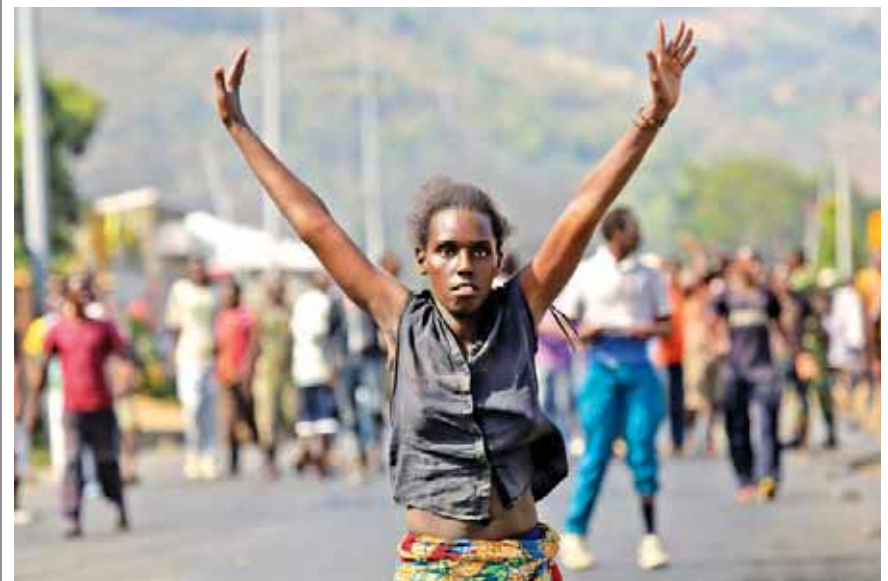


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Officers acquitted in 2 teens' deaths

FRANCE

Ruling in deaths of black Arab boys raises fear of violence

A French court on Monday acquitted two police officers accused of contributing to the deaths of two minority teenagers in a blighted Paris suburb a decade ago — a long-awaited verdict that crushed the boys'

families and raised fears of possible violence like that seen recently in the U.S.

The deaths of 15-year-old Bouna Traore and 17-year-old Zyed Benna prompted weeks of riots across France in 2005, exposing anger and resentment in neglected, crime-ridden suburban housing projects.

The two boys, chased by police, entered a power substation in the Paris suburb of Clichy-sous-Bois to hide and were electrocuted. A third boy survived the 20,000-volt

shock with severe burns.

On Monday, the court in the western city of Rennes ruled that officers Sebastien Gaillemain and Stephanie Klein were not responsible. Neither had a "clear awareness of grave and imminent danger" as required by French law, said Judge Nicolas Leger.

Moments after the verdict was read, a young woman rose in the back of the courtroom and shouted: "The police above the law, as always."

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EYESIGHT

Implant would bring perfect vision: B.C. optometrist

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Dr. Garth Webb, a British Columbia-based optometrist who invented the Ocumetics Bionic Lens, says patients would have perfect vision and that driving, progressive and contact lenses would become a dim memory as the eye-care industry is transformed.

Webb says people who have the specialized lenses surgically inserted would never get cataracts because their natural lenses, which decay over time, would have been replaced.

Perfect eyesight would result “no matter how crummy your eyes are,” Webb says, adding the Bionic Lens would be an option for someone who depends on corrective lenses and is older



Dr. Garth Webb holds a bionic lens at Manterra Technologies where the lens will be produced in Delta, B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS

than about 25, when the eye structures are fully developed.

“If you can just barely see the clock at 10 feet, when you get the Bionic Lens you can see the clock at 30 feet away,” says Webb. He demonstrates how a custom-made lens — that folds like a taco in a saline-filled syringe — would be placed in an eye, where it would unravel itself within 10 seconds.

He says the painless procedure, identical to cataract surgery, would take about eight minutes and a patient’s sight

would be immediately corrected.

Webb, the CEO of Ocumetics Technology Corp., has spent the last eight years and about \$3 million researching and developing the Bionic Lens, getting international patents and securing a biomedical manufacturing facility in Delta, B.C.

His mission is fuelled by the “obsession” he’s had to free himself and others from corrective lenses since he was in Grade 2, when he was saddled with glasses.

Webb’s efforts culminated in his recent presentation of the lens to 14 top ophthalmologists in San Diego the day before an annual gathering of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery.

Dr. Vincent DeLuise, an ophthalmologist who teaches at Yale University in New Haven, Conn., and at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City, says surgeons, from Canada, the United States, Australia and the Dominican Republic, were impressed with what they heard and some will be involved in clinical trials for Webb’s “very clever” invention.

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+ DUE DATE

Two years to availability

Pending clinical trials on animals and then blind human eyes, the Bionic Lens could be available in Canada and elsewhere in about two years, depending on regulatory processes in various countries, says Dr. Garth Webb.

IN BRIEF

104 deaths now blamed on faulty GM car switches

The death toll from faulty ignition switches in small cars made by General Motors has reached 104. Victims’ families are being offered compensation of at least \$1 million each. In addition, GM has agreed to make offers to 191 people who were injured in crashes caused by the switches.

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Protesters try to stop work on Arctic Ocean drilling rig

Critics of oil drilling in the Arctic Ocean plan to block the gates to a seaport terminal in Seattle, where Royal Dutch Shell’s floating drill rig will be loaded up before heading to the waters off Alaska this summer. Protesters marched to Terminal 5 Monday, temporarily closing the road.

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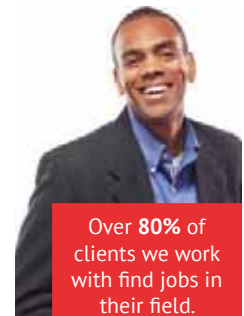
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Cities keep an eye on mailboxes dispute

Canada Post and the city of Hamilton are going to court over how much of a say local governments can have over where community mailboxes can be installed — and municipalities across Canada are watching to see who wins.

After hearing complaints over safety, privacy, litter and traffic when the mailboxes are installed, Hamilton’s city council amended a bylaw, which now requires Canada Post to

obtain a \$200 permit per site to install the mailboxes on municipal land. City staff would assess each mailbox’s location to ensure it meets city standards.

Canada Post ignored the bylaw, however, saying that under the federal Canada Post Act, it has the exclusive jurisdiction over postal services and the legal authority to install community mailboxes on municipally owned property.

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TRADE

Canada, Mexico win meat labelling fight

Canada and Mexico have defeated the United States’ meat labelling rules at the World Trade Organization, winning a final appeal that could pave the way to retaliatory sanctions.

If the U.S. wants to avoid a broader trade war, Monday’s decision means it might have to drop its insistence on special grocery-store labels that identify meat by its country of origin.

Failure to fix the meat labelling requirement could lead

to tariffs on a wide range of U.S. products, including wine, chocolate, cereal and frozen orange juice.

Proponents of labels argued that customers have the right to know where their food comes from. Canada and Mexico countered that it was actually a protectionist measure designed to keep foreign meat off the grocery shelves while offering no benefit for food safety.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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B.B. King is gone, but his truth is still in the gospel sound

"Church was not only a warm spiritual experience," B.B. King once said. "It was exciting entertainment."

The legendary blues singer, who died on Thursday, grew up on gospel.

"It was where I could sit next to a pretty girl and mostly it was where the music got all over my body and made me wanna jump."

Like King, some of the world's best jazz, soul and blues singers hail from churches. They might have been the natural places to learn to sing in the heavily spiritual American south, but it's the kind of singing going on there that mattered. And its power hasn't waned.

When I lived in London, I sang in a gospel choir half-filled with non-Christians. "It's still the most moving music for me," one of them told me.

The deep rhythms seize your chest and urge your body to move. The best singers make you feel their desperation, joy, pain.

Halfway through mass during a visit to New Orleans last fall, I watched a woman take the mic and felt like I could have been hearing Whitney Houston (who also started in gospel). While some gospel singers have been propelled to fame — think Aretha Franklin, Al Green and Sam Cooke — countless other incredible voices are content

to praise God on Sunday, and leave it at that.

"There's a humility in the music," as my old gospel choir director told me. I'd add that there's authenticity. No one is faking it. The love is profound.

Gospel stands in stark contrast to the whitewashed sound of many Western churches, the watered-down folk hymn stuff my old director dubbed "lowest-common denominator" music. It tries to tell you how to feel, while gospel's swelling, tidal harmonies are the true message.

He even mused that bland music is to blame for dwindling attendance at many congregations in Canada and the U.S., while tourists pack the pews in the best gospel churches.

B.B. King is gone. But the truth in his music — human suffering, human striving — is still in the blues, and it's still in gospel.

"There's blues for anything that bothers you," King has said. "I listen to gospel music and, believe it or not, I hear the same thing. The only difference is these people are praying to God or Jesus."

If we had a little more King in church, more people, of whatever beliefs, might come — if only for that feeling of being spiritually scrubbed on the inside until you're clean.

the big question

Who gets to live on a reserve?

First Nations councils decide. Their rules may differ from federal laws governing Indian status. Quebec's Kahnawake Mohawk Territory requires anyone who partners with a non-indigenous person to move out. Amanda Deer, her non-native partner and son did just that on Sunday after protesters outside their home demanded they leave Kahnawake. "Marry out, stay out" rules have become a flashpoint since 1985, when the revised Indian Act enabled families to lose Indian status after two generations of having children with non-status people.

Uber needs to play by our many, many rules

YOUR RIDE

Glyn Bowerman



In Toronto The Ponderous, we like our rules.

There are very few aspects of our civic life that aren't regulated. Our public decision makers seem to relish extensive debate. No hair is too fine to split. No decision is so final it can't be revisited.

The rate at which progress is made is so slow and drawn out, it's difficult for the average person to track, or engage with. Sometimes, when we're lucky, a leader of some vision emerges, and gives us all a little push. Right now, we're not so lucky.

Toronto, like many cities around the world, is being forced by a disruptive business model to reevaluate regulations governing commercial

transportation.

Put simply, Uber is here, and it's making a mess.

Last week, the taxicab industry took a break from their ongoing civil war to protest Uber's operation in this city.

Cabs swarmed city hall, horns blaring. Presumably, someone was briefly inconvenienced.

John Tory's "leadership" on this file has been a big shrug. He came into office declaring Uber was here to stay. This had to make the city's solicitors nervous, since they're currently poised to fight the bandit cab service in court next month.

He's probably right. Lots of people like Uber, and few people love cab companies. Uber literally drives puppies to people. Puppies. No one wants to shut down a puppy party, but that kind of comes with the job, if you're the mayor of a city where a company is fla-

grantly flouting the laws.

The Mayor's office was critical of the taxi drivers' brief public disruption, chiding them for not "working towards a solution." We have heard a lot of platitudes about a table everyone must come to where, presumably, some sort of solution will be reached.

But there is no table. There's a court bench that we're currently dragging the Silicon Valley tech company towards. There have been no acts of good faith on Uber's part. Far from it. Uber has expanded its service.

Uber is trolling the city, and all Mayor Tory seems to have to say about it is "Eh, what are you gonna do?" That, frankly, is unacceptable.

You have to audition to be a subway station busker in this town. We've debated things like plastic bags and pet chickens for literally years. Want a new bike lane? You'll need

Uber literally drives puppies to people. Nobody wants to shut down a puppy party.

some sort of a study, multiple public consultations, hand-wringing and a predictably exhausting council debate.

How is it that a \$40-billion company can ride into town, break whatever laws it finds inconvenient and very possibly endanger people with total impunity?

While we debate that, I'm heading over to Bloor Street with a can of paint. I'm going to put a bike lane down, Uber style.

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Who killed Amy? We all did, says director



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CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

Documentary a reflection of the toxic nature of celebrity

Amy Winehouse was many things: artist, icon, victim of celebrity. For London-born director Asif Kapadia, she was basically the girl next door.

Kapadia, who made award-winning documentary *Senna* about Formula 1 driver Ayrton Senna, lived and worked in some of the same north London neighbourhoods as Winehouse did. Like millions of others, he also watched with horrified fascination as the singer's struggles with love, drugs and alcohol were splattered across the media in the years before her death from

alcohol poisoning in 2011.

"I very much felt, 'I can't believe this is happening down the road from where I live,'" said Kapadia, whose documentary about Winehouse, *Amy*, is playing at the Cannes Film Festival. "One of my reasons for wanting to do it was, I've finally found a subject to do about home.

"Senna was like from another planet, and Amy was from next door.

"She was so ordinary, so local, and so brilliant in the way she expressed that in her lyrics."

London was Winehouse's inspiration — for good and bad.

"I love the city," Kapadia said, sitting in a luxury hotel on the French Riviera. "I love the creativity. I love the fact you can look like what you want to look like, do what

ever the hell you want, you can be amazing. But it's got a darkness to it, and her story sort of covers those ends of the spectrum."

Compiled from archive footage, home movies and more than 100 interviews with people who knew Winehouse, *Amy* is partly a tribute to a lost talent, partly a portrait



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Amy director Asif Kapadia

of a young woman coping with depression and doubt, and partly a reflection on the toxic nature of celebrity.

The film has been acclaimed in Cannes, where it

premiered in the late-night Midnight Screenings slot — the first time Kapadia had seen the movie with an audience.

"It was very emotional," Kapadia said. "A lot of tears. Nobody moved for the last hour."

There are some dissenters amid the praise. Winehouse's

Kapadia says he did not set out to blame anyone for Winehouse's death.

"I'm not pointing the finger, I'm just saying this is really complicated," he said. "But there are issues, and there are maybe things that could have been done differently.

"It's turning the mirror on everyone, saying, we're all slightly to blame, complicit, a part of this system — this circus — that it became."

He hopes members of the family will come to see the film the way he does — as a rounded portrait of Winehouse, and a tribute to her.

"I'm hoping with a bit of hindsight that there'll be a rethinking of it. Not to take things personally but to just say, look, people love her, that's the thing. It's about her and kind of rebalancing everyone's image of her."

The film gives ample time to Winehouse's music, from the jazz sounds on her first album, *Frank*, to the soul and hip-hop influences that infused her breakthrough record, *Back to Black*.

The single *Rehab* was her biggest hit, and also something of an albatross. Winehouse was constantly asked to perform the song about how "They tried to make me go to rehab — I said no, no, no."

Kapadia said that in retrospect the song sounds like "an incredible cry for help."

"The clue is always in her songs," he said. "Two songs: *Stronger Than Me* — 'I want someone who's stronger than me' — and *Love is a Losing Game*, sum her up. If she had those two elements, then maybe there would have been some peace."

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MUSIC NOTE**Taye Diggs changes his groove for Hedwig**

Taye Diggs is about to get a little freaky onstage — as the next transsexual singer Hedwig.

Producers of the Tony-Winning show said Monday that the How Stella Got Her Groove Back star will take over the title role in Broadway's Hedwig and the Angry Inch starting July 22.

The show opened last season with Neil Patrick Harris starting off the Hedwigs — and winning a Tony Award. He was replaced by Andrew Rannells, Michael C. Hall, co-creator John Cameron Mitchell and currently Darren Criss.

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Taye Diggs
GETTY IMAGES

You Jealous of Nick Jonas yet?

INTERVIEW

Singer juggles acting, tour and new sounds

The 22-year-old Nick Jonas is riding high on the success of his hit singles Jealous and Chains, which have reached platinum status and dominated on radio.

He's also busy outside of music: He's filming the movie Goat, gearing up for Season 2 of DirecTV's Kingdom and will appear in the new Fox series Scream Queens.

And he's hitting the road with The Nick Jonas Live in Concert Tour that kicks off Sept. 6 in Hershey, Penn.

Tickets go on sale Friday.

And Jonas will be in Toronto performing at the Much Music Video Awards on June 21.

He talked about his

busy schedule, being compared to Justin Timberlake and reuniting with the Jonas Brothers in a recent interview.

You've drawn some comparisons to Justin Timberlake since he was also in a boy band and meshes R&B with pop sounds. What do you think of that?

It's an incredible feeling. Justin has had an amazing career, amazing transition — as a musical artist, but also as an actor. And the acting has been a really big thing for me in the last year and a half with some projects I've become really passionate about ... So those comparisons are really flattering.

Were you nervous when you decided to tackle a more R&B sound?

I think anytime you try to push yourself and push your sound and evolve is a little

frightening. Just being bold and taking those steps. But I saw really quickly that the fans connected with it.

Did you play your album for your brothers before you released it?

I played the record for them about a month before it came out, wanted to kind of get their opinions on what they thought should be singles and overall what their vibe was on it. Their opinion meant a lot to me and they both were really supportive.

Do you think you guys would reunite for a song or album?

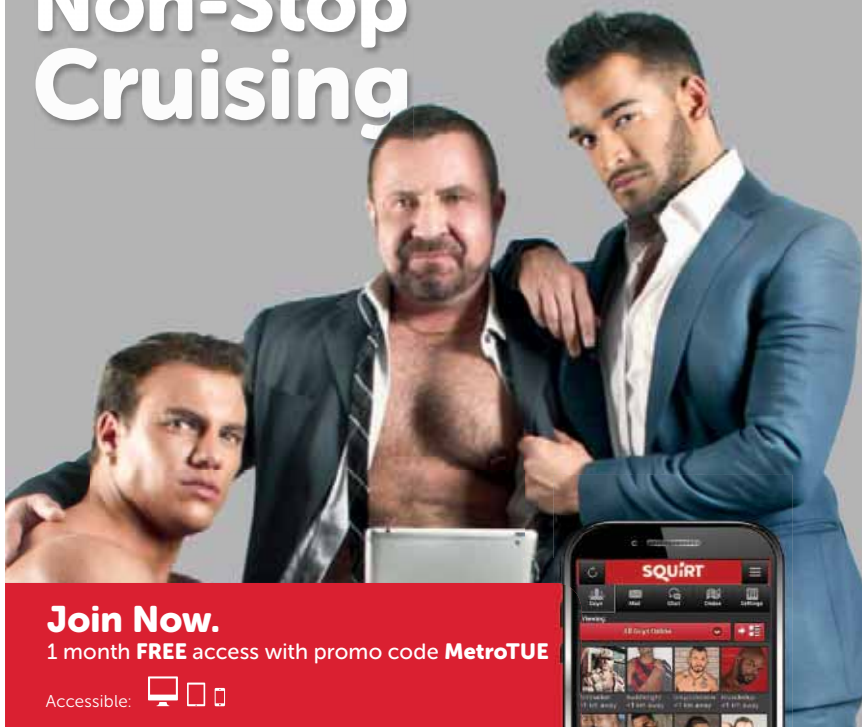
I think our time creatively together is done. Never say never, though. I can't predict what's going to happen one day or the next ... I would say for right now I'm happy to be doing my own thing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Nick Jonas has no plans to reunite with his brothers, but says, 'Never say never.' GETTY IMAGES

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Baring that chest could lead to the downfall of civilization

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Ellen Vanstone



Dear Ellen,
It's nearly summer, and with that comes warm weather. As temperatures inch up, every Tom, Dick, Harry and, yes, even a few Janes, seems somewhat compelled to strip off their shirt and bask in the man-made air conditioning of bare-chested bravado.

It's perfectly legal to go topless in most public places. Question is, when and where is it appropriate to put God's gifts on display?

— Holly, Toronto

Dear Holly,
Your excellent questions raises a great point about good manners, which is this: just because



It may be legal to go topless, but that doesn't mean it's OK to flaunt your torso in public. ISTOCK

it's legal to do something does not mean it's appropriate.

Belching or farting in public, or tooting your own giant gaseous horn (so to speak) using taxpayer dollars (I'm looking at you, Pierre Poilievre) — these activities are all perfectly legal. But is this the kind of behaviour we want to encourage in the

public arena? No, it is not. Such activities are selfish, arguably unethical and just plain gross!

Not that anyone's body is any of those things. We do not disapprove of breasts of any stripe. Pert, slack, male, female, waxed, hairy, young, old — each and every one of them (and sometimes there is only one, which is

also fine) may be beautiful in its own way. I certainly didn't mind the repeated appearance in *Date Night* of Mark Wahlberg's bare torso, which, I'm told, was heavily covered in makeup to hide his tattoos, which meant that during breaks on set he had to keep his shirt off, which led to a lot of young ladies and a few

men finding reasons to walk by the sound stage when he stepped outside for a smoke.

But I digress.

The point of good manners is to make people around you feel comfortable, thereby creating social harmony that leads to open and honest communication toward the advancement of a peaceful civilization.

This is not jeopardized by a movie star flexing his perfect pecs in our face on a giant movie screen — because we have made a conscious choice to view him, and them.

But having someone flaunt their sweaty, hot summer torso in your face when it's the last thing you expect to see or want to look at shows a lack of proper consideration for one's fellow citizens — i.e., the kind of behaviour that leads to the downfall of civilization.

So, unless you are nursing a newborn child, or you're on one of Canada's nude beaches, or your shirt has suddenly caught fire, please keep your torso covered in the city this summer.



Need advice? Email
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Nudist beaches in Canada

• **Wreck Beach, Vancouver** Long-established and hassle-free.

• **Beaconia Beach, Man.** A mix of clothed and nude visitors that may disconcert members of either group.

• **Patricia Beach, Man.** Recognized as a clothing-optional beach but discretion around local residents is advised.

• **Hanlan's Point in Toronto** Next to Wreck Beach, Canada's only other "official" clothing-optional beach.

• **Oka Park (west of Montreal)** Unofficial — but well-known — clothing-optional beach.

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Farrell OK being single

CANNES

Actor says it's hard to date in the public eye

In his new sci-fi movie *The Lobster*, Colin Farrell plays a single man desperate to get into a committed relationship or risk being transformed into an animal. In real life, though, he's unattached — and in no rush to change his status.

"In my life I've had relationships with women that weren't in the public eye that have been pulled into the public eye as a result of the nonsense of celebrity and being close to me, and I hate that and I hated that for them," he said in an interview last week.

"And so that would be just another thing that would lead into my reticence to being in a relationship."

Farrell is in Cannes to promote *The Lobster*, a film about single people who are forced to stay in a hotel until they find a mate. They have 45 days to find a partner or face being transformed into an animal and being released into the woods.

The 38-year-old actor said be-



Colin Farrell with co-stars Lea Seydoux and Jessica Barden laugh as they arrive for the screening of *The Lobster* at Cannes. ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

ing in a relationship isn't all it's cracked up to be.

"I have one friend who just broke up and he's been in a relationship for six years, and before that he was married for 15 years, and our other shared friends who are in relationships are doggedly pursuing him — 'I have this person you have to meet,'" he said.

"But I'm just like, 'Just let him

(rest).' And part of me goes, 'Is that misery loves company?'"

Despite being in dozens of films over the past two decades, Farrell told a press conference on Friday that he had never been to Cannes before — and he didn't exactly make the most of his inaugural visit.

"I wouldn't mind being here a little bit longer," he said.

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HOT 100 LIST

Maxim endorses Swift's hotness

It's a good week to be Taylor Swift. Eight Billboard Music Awards, high praise for her star-studded new video, *Bad Blood*, fans cooing over photos of her being cuddly with adorable Scottish DJ boyfriend Calvin Harris.

And now? She's been placed at the very tippy-top of Maxim magazine's annual Hot 100 list, an honour previously held by the likes of Miley Cyrus, Bar Refaeli and Olivia Wilde.

"It's really nice and such an incredible compliment," Swift says.

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Taylor Swift

ROYAL FAMILY

Don't call him Bridget

Apparently some people have been comparing Prince Harry to unlucky-in-love Bridget Jones, but the Prince just isn't having it.

"Bridget Jones? Where's that come from? Because I write my own diary or because I don't have a girlfriend?" he tells the *Mirror*. "Bridget Jones? That's sad. No, for me, it's good — I'm very happy not having a girlfriend."

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Embrace a change of command

INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

A new boss can be unsettling, but try being adaptable

OFFICE RELATIONS

Eleni Deacon



Even if your new boss is a managerial all-star, it can take time to get used to their style. While changes in workplace hierarchy are inevitable and often energizing, they can also overthrow your comfortable routine.

When a new leader joins your company, it doesn't just mean a new nameplate on the corner-office door — it can also mean a new workflow and perhaps an entirely new vibe. Here's how to adjust to an unfamiliar superior.

First, don't fear different. Your current leader may not do things the same way as

their predecessor, but that doesn't mean they're doing things badly.

No employee likes being compared to the person who previously held their role — and the same goes for your boss.

Avoid eye-rolls or anger when she requests new methods for completing your work.

Instead, be open to an alternate approach.

You may not end up sticking with her suggestion — but a positive attitude will smooth the road to compromise.

If possible, sit down with your new superior and discuss

their expectations: what they want, how they want it delivered, and how they would like to communicate.

Having a clear sense of your boss's style and preferences will help ease their transition from unknown entity to trusted authority.

But you should also check your own expectations. Although your boss may act like they know what's going on — that's their job, after all — they are on an unavoidable learning curve.

If they're new to your organization, they've got a lot to absorb. And if this is the first time they're managing other people, they're prob-

ably nervous.

Don't fume if things don't feel settled right away.

Chances are, in a couple months — or even weeks — your relationship will find its equilibrium.

However, if your rapport feels tense from the start, uproot the weird mood.

Either make an independ-

ent decision to act more cheerful, or address the workplace strain head on.

Explain that you're concerned you got off on the wrong foot, and emphasize your desire for a strong professional understanding between the two of you.

By making your good intentions clear, you can

derail any first-impression missteps.

Flexibility is a workplace skill. A new supervisor may bring a brief period of stress — but it's also a chance for a new, potentially rewarding start in your job.

To build a strong base with your boss, adapt before you react.



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INDY 500

Oakville's Hinchcliffe latest to crash in training

Canadian IndyCar driver James Hinchcliffe was in stable condition in the intensive care unit of a local hospital following surgery on his left leg for injuries sustained Monday in a crash at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"Obviously we're relieved that James is awake and out of surgery," Schmidt Peterson Motorsports team owner Sam Schmidt said.

"That's the most important thing on our minds right now and we will do absolutely everything required to ensure a complete recovery."

It was the fourth frightening wreck in six days of practice for the Indy 500.

A part seemed to break about 50 minutes into practice



James Hinchcliffe

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and the Oakville driver spun hard into the wall. His briefly slid on its right side and almost flipped.

Hinchcliffe's left thigh was pierced by the car's right front rocker and the piece of equipment needed to be removed, according to two people familiar with the crash who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The surgery at Indiana University Methodist Hospital was also needed to stop massive bleeding.

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Jays outmuscle Angels

MLB

Toronto comes out on top of hit parade to end slump

Toronto manager John Gibbons started his post-game availability by joking around with reporters. A short distance away, techno music blared in his team's clubhouse.

An ugly 1-6 road trip was in the past. Starting off a long homestand with a 10-6 victory over the Los Angeles Angels had lifted the Blue Jays' spirits Monday afternoon at Rogers Centre.

Jose Bautista homered as Toronto ended a five-game losing skid by reaching a double-digit run total and pumping out 17 hits.

"We really needed that game," Gibbons said. "We'd been scuffling big-time."

Toronto had dropped seven of eight entering the Victoria Day matinee. The Blue Jays gave spot starter Todd Redmond an early four-run lead but the Angels chipped away with three runs in the fourth inning and took the lead in the sixth.

Toronto loaded the bases in the bottom half of the frame and with most of the 29,306 fans in attendance on their feet, Canadian Russell Martin delivered a two-run single that put the Blue Jays up to stay.

"Russell has gotten big hit



The Blue Jays' Jose Bautista circles the bases after hitting a two-run home run against the Angels on Monday at Rogers Centre.

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MONDAY In Toronto



after big hit in those kind of situations," Gibbons said. "Tight game where we really need something, two outs.

He's been that guy who always seems to come through for us."

Martin, a Toronto native who grew up in Chelsea, Que., had three hits and scored a run. Bautista and Josh Donaldson also had three hits apiece while Steve Tolleson chipped in with two hits and two runs to help Toronto (18-22) take the opener of the four-game series.

"You have to turn the page,"

Donaldson said of the team's recent struggles. "It obviously wasn't a very good road trip for us. But we got things going on the right track right now and hopefully we continue to do this."

Albert Pujols, David Freese and Chris Iannetta homered for Los Angeles (19-19).

Redmond, called up from triple-A Buffalo a day earlier,

had little trouble his first time through the Angels' order but Pujols touched him up for a no-doubt solo shot to get the Angels on the board. Redmond allowed three earned runs, four hits and a walk while striking out three over four innings.

Reliever Roberto Osuna (1-0) recorded five outs for his first major-league win.

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Irving feeling fitter for Atlanta contest

NBA PLAYOFFS

All-star guard not 100% but should feature against Hawks

Kyrie Irving finished an animated post-practice shooting game of "Around The World" with LeBron James and then quickly removed any doubt about his playing status for Game 1.

"I'm going to go," he said.

Cleveland's all-star guard may not be 100 per cent but he's much better and that's welcome news to the Cavs, who will open the Eastern Conference final on Wednesday in Atlanta.

Irving has been bothered by a sore right foot since Game 2 of the opening round against Boston, and he sat out the final half of the Cavs' series-clinching win over Chicago last week with



Cavs all-star guard Kyrie Irving has been bothered by a sore right foot since the opening round. NAM Y. HUH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

tendinitis in his left knee. But a weekend of rest and rehab allowed Irving to make it through a full practice on Monday, lifting his spirits and improving

the Cavs' chances against the East's top seed, the Hawks.

Irving said he has come a long way from the way he felt Thursday night while sitting on

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This is the biggest stage that you want to be part of.

Kyrie Irving

the bench. "Just being able to actually feel both my feet underneath me, especially when I'm shooting, it feels amazing," said Irving, who was limited to 12 minutes in Game 6. "I don't want to be on the sideline at all, especially preparing for a big stage like this."

Irving's improved health seemed to have an immediate impact on James who was very upbeat when he spoke to reporters. "Obviously the days have helped him," James said. "You know, we really don't know until we get out there on Wednesday. The good thing is he's positive, he's feeling better, and that's positive for our team." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



NHL PLAYOFFS LIGHTNING GET EVEN WITH RANGERS

Lightning centre Valtteri Filppula, left, defends against the Rangers' Rick Nash during Game 2 of the Eastern Conference final on Monday night in New York. Tyler Johnson recorded a hat trick and the Bolts won 6-2 to even the series at 1-1. Game 3 will be played in Tampa on Wednesday night.

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Chelsea slip up with title sealed

PREMIER LEAGUE

Blues lose edge in penultimate match of season

Saido Berahino scored twice as West Bromwich Albion beat Premier League champion Chelsea 3-0 Monday in an ill-tempered game that saw Cesc Fabregas sent off for kicking the ball at an opponent's head.

The largely meaningless game started with a warm embrace between managers Tony Pulis and Jose Mourinho but spilled over into several heated scuffles on the pitch after Berahino had put the host ahead with a great strike in the ninth minute.

Diego Costa became entangled with Gareth McAuley in the area, sparking a scuffle that ended with the Spain striker being booked. As West Brom players encircled referee Mike Jones, Fabregas inexplicably kicked the ball some 20 yards straight at them, hitting Chris Brunt in



Chelsea's Jose Mourinho
SHAUN BOTTERILL/GETTY IMAGES

the back of the head.

Jones showed him a straight red card, with West Brom's Darren Fletcher also getting booked for angrily shoving Fabregas.

Chelsea's night got worse as Berahino was then brought down by John Terry in the area early in the second half, taking the penalty himself to double the lead.

Brunt then added the third in the 60th, equalling Chelsea's worst-ever Premier League loss under Mourinho. It was only

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If we have to blame somebody, we have to blame Man City, Man United, Arsenal and Liverpool, because they let us win the title so early.

Jose Mourinho assessing Chelsea's loss to West Brom

Chelsea's third loss in the league this season and ended a 16-game unbeaten run, but it had no effect on the standings for either team.

Chelsea wrapped up the title two weeks ago, while West Brom is safe in 13th place.

Mourinho said it was hard for his team to play its best with the title already in hand.

“When you are not ready to compete, you lose qualities, individually and collectively,” he said.

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Baggies midfielder Darren Fletcher clashes with Chelsea's Nemanja Matic on Monday in West Bromwich, England.

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SOCCER RECAP

Bradley salvages TFC point

Michael Bradley scored his first goal of the season and Toronto FC came back to tie the New England Revolution 1-1 on Saturday in Foxborough, Mass. TFC (3-5-1) is sixth in the MLS Eastern Conference with 10 points.

No. 23

Barcelona clinched its 23rd Spanish league title on Sunday thanks to Lionel Messi. Messi scored the winning goal in the 65th minute as Barcelona dethroned champion Atletico Madrid 1-0 in the Spanish capital.

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I'm absolutely devastated I won't be playing in front of these supporters again.

Steven Gerrard after Liverpool's 3-1 loss to Crystal Palace on Saturday, the Reds captain's last match at Anfield. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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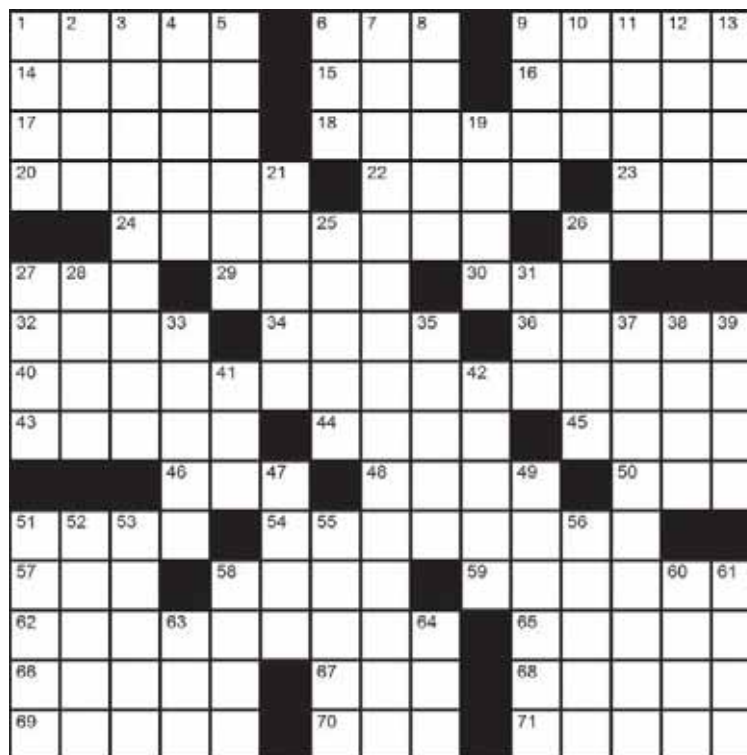
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- Dean Martin's "That's _"
- Religious bench
- Other: French
- "Too-Ra-_-_- Loo-Ral (That's an Irish Lullaby)"
- _ Avenue (Location of the Cadbury Adams chocolate factory in Toronto)
- Cirque du _
- "Take _ _ face value."
- Limo passenger, e.g.
- What ee-laaaastic is
- Views
- Wilt
- "Away!"
- "Plush" rock gr.
- Some are inflated
- Date with a doctor, briefly
- Sprays
- Kimye or Brangelina: 2 wds.
- Swamp plant
- Mackerel variety
- Cost
- "Bird _ _ Wire" (1990)
- Tomato variety
- Sports official, commonly
- Sales jobs, commonly
62. _ _ Provincial Park, in Manitoba
- The Original _ _ Corporation (Canadian company that makes



- hitting-the-ball implements in baseball)
- Bleak House girl
- Cab
- Country songstress Ms. Yearwood
62. _ _ Provincial Park, in Manitoba
- Eugene O'Neill's daughter's name-

- sakes
- Between harbours: 2 wds.
- Tic-Tac-Toe win
- _ Bay, British Columbia
- Our opposite
- Climber's li'l conquests
- "Same here."

DOWN

- Mr. Mineo's
- 1847 Herman Melville story
- Album for Canadian singer Jill Barber; or, Pyrite: 2 wds.
- Montreal stop sign word
- Broadcasts again

- NHL Jets city, for short
- Type of Canadian Coast Guard gig: 2 wds.
- Mowed tract of lawn
- Former
- Away
- Cook's need

- "Sesame Street" character
- The Men of the _ (Cape Breton choir)
- Week parts
- Operetta composer, Franz _ (b.1870 - d.1948)
- Subject
- Teapot spot
- Tick-tick tickers
- James _ (Pulitzer-winning writer)
- Howe'er
- Kinds of lilies
- Innsbruck's locale in Austria
- Rogers specialty channel for baseball, hockey, football, etc. fans
- Addition _ (Canadian plus-size clothing chain)
- _ -made millionaire
- Mr. Affleck
- Bathroom cleanser
- Nursemaid
- Overseas
- Morocco's capital
- Meathead's mother-in-law
- Dissect
- Self-evident truth
- Garlic sauce
- Bygone sovereign
- Actress, Melissa Joan _
- Regarding: 2 wds.
- Agnus _ (Lamb of God)
- _ Angeles

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
It does not matter how simple the questions you ask of colleagues and employers today, it's unlikely you will get a simple answer. That does not necessarily mean they are trying to deceive you but you must be on your guard, just in case.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will find it easy to be assertive over the next few days and that's good because you need to push your own interests more forcefully. But don't waste time trying to convert people to your point of view.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You may feel as if you have lost your way a bit of late but there is no need to change direction. From Wednesday onwards things will start to look a bit clearer.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Make the most of Venus in your birth sign to remind those you care for that whatever they do is all right by you. Let them know too that you intend to make them feel good about themselves, about you and about life in general.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
There is an art to relaxation and it is an art you will need to master over the next few days. There may be a dozen things you would like to be doing now but there is only one thing you must do — be kind to yourself.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may feel sorry for people who have lost their way but you aren't responsible for their troubles. There's some things that you can influence directly. Identify what they are.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Let others know what is on your mind by all means but don't say it in a way that might antagonize those you live and work with. Sometimes it is better to approach the truth from an angle.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you get the chance to travel today you should take it, because later in the week your movements are likely to be restricted. You don't need an excuse to wander around a new neighborhood.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Do you have the confidence and the know-how to step in and take control of a difficult situation? If so, by all means get involved. If not, stand back and let someone else take the leadership role. It does not have to be you every time.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Venus in the partnership area of your chart urges you to let loved ones know exactly how you feel about them — and yes, your feelings are warm and deep. It never hurts to spell it out.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Take it slow and easy as the new week begins. Things will generally go well for you but they will go even better if you make it a priority to patch up your differences with someone you work with.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You seem to be in a friendly and forgiving mood at the moment, which is good, but there is a danger you could get friendly with someone you need to be wary of.

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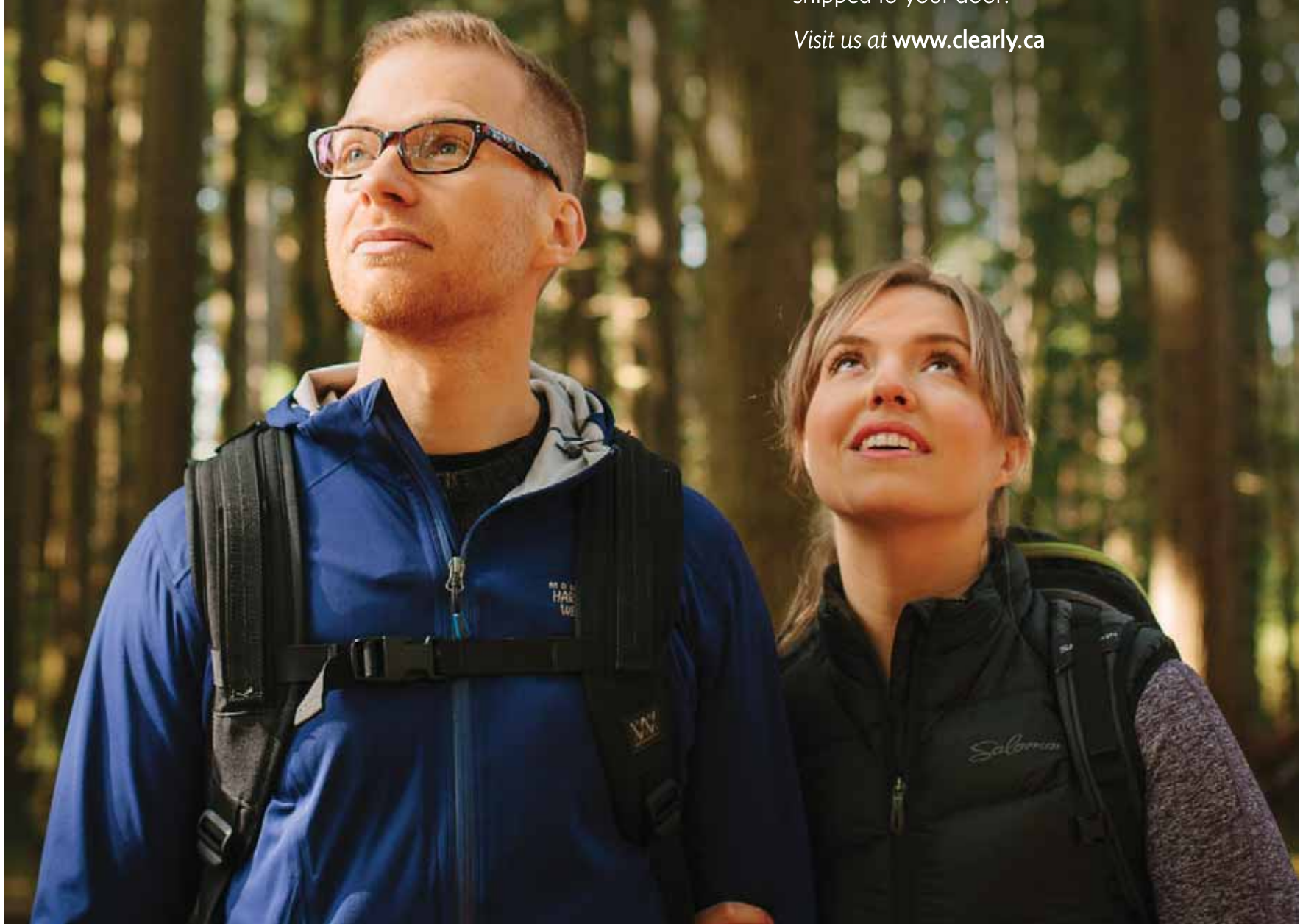


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